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### CITY'S WHARF RIGHTS.

The city has the right to build docks and wharfs at the foot of all streets and such docks or wharfs may extend to the wharf line adopted by the U. S. Government.

Private parties owning waterfront have the same rights. Statements to the contrary are not correct. The city of Portland has the same but no greater.

### STEADILY PROGRESSING.

St. Johns is rapidly forging ahead, not with a boom but a steady, healthy growth. Hardly a day passes but some captain of industry is here investigating and in search of a site to locate some kind of manufacturing industry. The destiny of this city is fixed, and it will require a mighty combination of circumstances to hinder or seriously impede its becoming a strong, healthy and prosperous center of industry and commercial importance. We have location unequalled on the big streams that empty into the Pacific. No other point on the big waterways offer equal advantages or inducements to the manufacturer. Deep water, made accessible for shipping purposes by the smallest outlay for wharfage and docks. The lay of land bordering the river is easily drained, and altogether healthful. All who have come and looked over the conditions are unstinted in their praise. The natural resources are all, and the best, that could be desired.

Notwithstanding all this, however, in order to facilitate the development and application of these natural resources to the uses for which they are so pre-eminently fitted, there is one point that cannot be too deeply impressed upon the owners of the property hereabouts, and that is the necessity of keeping prices at the proper level. It is often, and very humanlike too, the case that owners of desirable real estate, as soon as there is an apparent demand for property, to inflate values and send them skyward. This is bad policy, and a most unwise thing to do, every effort should be made to steer clear of this evil. As yet, we do not believe real estate is held at higher figures than the circumstances warrant, and it is ardently hoped this happy condition will continue.

What St. Johns requires now is a spirit of harmony, a spirit of push, encouragement to all who come among us. If conditions are not just to our liking, try and improve them, not by decrying others, but work for unity. St. Johns is growing, prospering, not booming, and is rapidly assuming the proud position among the cities that it deserves to occupy.

### AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

Only a few weeks will elapse before a new set of city officers will be elected. It is of great importance that the best material available should be selected for the various offices, but there is one elective office which is of the very highest importance, that of recorder. It is important because of the multifarious duties which the new charter imposes on this official: He is judge of the municipal court, clerk of the council, city auditor and city bookkeeper. To find a man endowed with qualifications to fill all these various positions is not an easy matter. Many men can be found to fill any one of the requirements, but a rare instance where one person fills the entire bill.

Without disparaging reference to any one of these positions, the most vital one is that of city bookkeeper. This position entails the duty of keeping all the city accounts, improvement assessments, a record of liens for such assessments, a record of all matters and things in connection therewith. To do this properly and correctly, and unless it is done a few years hence the city would find itself in an almost inextricable muddle, it will require the opening of a set of books full of detail and intricacies.

No doubt there will be two or more sets of candidates in the field, but if it is possible the office of recorder should be removed from contest, and all parties should come together and agree on a thoroughly competent man, endowed as nearly as possible with all the qualifications necessary. This policy would be in the interest of the whole city, both for the present and future. Let no man be selected just because he has more friends than the other fellow, but make ability the test of eligibility. There are breakers ahead, fellow-citizens, unless some conciliatory course of this kind is pursued, and don't make a mistake. Let all parties select good men and true for the other positions, and in a friendly way

make the contest, but as far as the office of recorder is concerned, concentrate on the best man. Say committees from all the classes meet and select a suitable candidate, no matter with what party he affiliates so he is competent.

### AN EXPENSIVE FARCE.

The Oregon legislature, which has just adjourned, was one that will pass into history as a most profligate one. In the matter of clerk hire this body of embryo statesmen put all previous records of all legislative bodies in the shade in this respect. The senate, with thirty members, had on its pay roll sixty-eight employees, or more than two for each member. The house, with sixty members, had fifty-seven employees, while there were forty-six additional joint committee clerks, making a total of one hundred and seventy-one employees and clerks for the two houses consisting of ninety members. The expense to the taxpayers \$27,387.40, or more than one-half the total cost of the entire session. To the ordinary citizen this appears to be a waste of public money, with no excuse whatever. To the fell w who knows the ropes, it appears in its true light, that of a species of graft.

In addition to allowing this large body of "clerks" full time, from nine to twenty days was allowed for "overtime." Ridiculous, isn't it. The people of Oregon are in no mood to complacently view such a reckless waste of their money, but we presume it will all be overlooked when the "yellow dog" species of political campaign comes around.

Corvallis Gazette publishes the following editorially. It is a well timed article, and very appropriate:

"The question, 'What is necessary to make a town or community thrive?' is of vital importance and one often in the minds of the thinking citizens. Many things serve to the benefit of a people. The most essential thing is a good payroll. Without this there is no life, and of course without life the town is dead, so to speak. But how to secure a pay roll?"

"It is plain that the poor man—the laborer—cannot be expected to create a pay roll, so he must look to the rich or fairly well-to-do man for this creation, but there is the sticking point. Such a man is already independent in a sense and is generally discreet enough to try and "make out" before he invests in any business that will provide means of sustenance for any number of people. He must exercise good judgment in determining what is a proper business in which to engage. Most consider the country, its products, and community needs.

"Having determined all this, he next gives attention to the longer of his feelings. Here his heart may fail him, for he, if any, will "patronize home industry" if the home manufactured article can be secured for a few cents extra."

"This sort of thing is what is retarding the growth of Oregon, and all of the small towns, Corvallis among the rest. And the people are to blame. Never a week passes that others do not go from this city to some other place for something that could have been secured here. In purchasing at home you may pay a few cents more for a given thing, but your money is here. Its presence is necessary to the life of the place in which you reside. You look to your home town to supply your living. The debt is not all on the side of the town—you owe it something. In a degree the possibility of creating a pay roll is in your own hands, be you rich or poor."

### COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION.

A Special Meeting Well Attended and Increasing.

A special meeting of the Commercial Association was held Wednesday evening. A number of committee reports were made. The principal report was in the form of a legal opinion given by T. T. Parker on behalf of the committee investigating the matter of the vacating of offices on the unused electrical mill property. The opinion was to the effect that while the vacating proceedings were somewhat irregular, and the streets in question might be reverted to the city, yet to do so would mean much litigation. The association did not deem it expedient at this time to encourage such litigation, so the matter was dropped and the committee dismissed.

The question of a ferry across the Willamette river was discussed, and the executive committee instructed to look into the matter.

Mr. Leggett reported that he had looked into the cemetery proposition and found an eligible site on the Gattoon farm. No action was taken. The "through car" committee reported that no reply, as promised by Supt. Fuller, had been received. The committee was increased to ten, and instructed to get a delegation from other points on the peninsula and make another call on Mr. Fuller.

The Association expressed surprise and disappointment at the failure to receive the promised reply.

The Association unanimously endorsed the proposition of the Ladies' Civic League in regard to a petition to the city council to submit the question of animals running at large to a vote of the people at the coming election.

Messrs. C. W. Potter, J. T. Pond and O. M. Rankin enrolled as members.

The meeting adjourned to next Wednesday evening, when the dock question will be considered with the view of recommending something definite to the city council.

For general information we will print the by-laws of the Association.

Whereas, the experience of past ages has shown that voluntary associations governed by fixed rules can more thoroughly effect the accomplishment of worthy and great results than unaided individual efforts alone; and for the advancement of the social and commercial interests of

St. Johns, so far as in our power lies, do for that purpose adopt the following

### CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this society shall be the St. Johns Commercial Association.

Article 2. Its objects shall be the advancement of the industrial and commercial interests of St. Johns, to cement together the different business and social interests of our city, meeting together every first and third Wednesday night of each month to discuss and promote the general welfare of our city.

Article 3. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, a Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected semi-annually by ballot on the first Wednesday evening in January and July of each year, and shall hold their office until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Article 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of this body whether public or private, but in the absence of the President, it shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all business and proceedings of this body, to have and to read at each meeting the proceedings of the last meeting, to conduct the correspondence and keep the records of the Association.

Article 6. The Treasurer's duty shall be to safely keep the funds of the Association, to report quarterly all money received and disbursed, and the amount on hand at date of report and to pay out money only on the order of the President attested by the Secretary.

Article 7. At the first meeting in January and July the president shall appoint an executive committee of five and an entertainment and publicity committee of three. The president and secretary shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

Article 8. Any person may become a member of the Association upon a majority vote of the members present at any meeting and upon paying a fee of fifty cents and twenty-five cents for one month's dues in advance, and signing the constitution and by-laws.

The Association shall have power by a majority vote to confer honorary and free membership on any person whose presence may be beneficial to the Association.

Article 9. The dues of members shall be twenty-five cents monthly, payable at the first meeting in each month to the secretary who shall receipt for the same and pay such dues to the treasurer and take his receipt therefor. Provided, such dues may be increased or diminished at any regular meeting, by vote of a majority of the members present after notice of one week shall have been given of such change.

Article 10. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the standard of parliamentary authority governing all deliberations of the Association.

Article 11. Any member who shall neglect to pay his dues, of guilty of conduct, bringing the Association into disrepute may be suspended or expelled from membership in this Association as a majority of the members present may determine, but no member shall be suspended until he shall have been notified in writing that charges have been made against him specifying such charges, and an opportunity shall have been given him to appear in his own defense.

Article 12. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting after a week written notice shall have been given stating the alteration or amendment proposed, by a majority of two-thirds of the voters of the members present at such meeting.

Article 13. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Which preamble and constitution we adopt and sign.

### CHURCH NOTICES.

Seventh Day Adventist—Sabbath school at 10 a. m.; regular service at 11 a. m. every Sabbath; prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m.

Methodist—Sunday school 10 a. m.; class meeting 12 m.; prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Sunday; Junior League, 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

United Evangelical Church—Preaching every Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m., Jr. K. L. C., 3:30 p. m.; Sr. K. L. C. E., 6:45 p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m.; W. F. Johnson, class leader; E. E. McVicker, pastor.

### LODGE NOTICES.

United Artisans, Willamette Assembly No. 300, meet at Bickner Hall every Friday evening. A. E. Wilson, Secy.; E. O. Magoun, Master Artisan. Royal Neighbors, Cedar Camp No. 1544, meets every Thursday evening at Bickner Hall. Mrs. E. L. Churchill, Recorder; Mrs. A. Dennington, Oregon.

Modern Woodmen of America, St. Johns Camp 7546, meet at Bickner Hall every Tuesday evening. H. E. Knight, Consul; G. I. Thompson, Clerk.

Woodmen of the World, St. Johns Camp 773, meets every Wednesday evening at Bickner Hall. W. E. Coon, Clerk; R. C. Clark, Consul.

### MAIL SCHEDULE.

Mail arrives at St. Johns at 7:45 a. m., and 1:15 p. m. Leaves at 10:15 a. m., and 4:30 p. m.

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